

Application No. 09/990,182
Amendment dated August 28, 2003
Reply to Office Action of February 28, 2003

REMARKS

Responsive to the election requirement, applicant provisionally elects to prosecute the Group I claims, 1-12, with traverse.

In particular, it is submitted that at least with respect to the Group I claims and the method claims 34-40 currently placed with the Group II claims, there will be such a large degree of overlap in the Examiner's search directed to the rolling apparatus and method subject matter of these claims that they would most efficiently be included in the same application. For similar reasons, it asserted that the subject matter of the Group II apparatus claims, viz. claims 13-25, would most efficiently be searched in the search done for claims 1-12 and 34-40 in the present application.

An action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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